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SUBJECT: GOL PROPOSAL TO DECLARE 1980 AS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZA-
TIONS YEAR

1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A NOTE FROM THE LIBERIAN MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS DATED APRIL 25 REQUESTING SUPPORT AT THE JULY-
AUGUST ECOSOC SESSION IN GENEVA FOR A GOL PROPOSAL TO DECLARE
1980 AS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS YEAR. THIS PROPOSAL WAS
FIRST MADE BY THE GOL DURING THE 32ND SESSION OF THE UNGA.

2. THE EMBASSY URGES PROMPT AND FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION OF THIS
REQUEST. THE U.S. HAS SOUGHT AND RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM THE GOL
ON MATTERS OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST TO THE U.S., INCLUDING GUAM,
PUERTO RICO, AND THE PANAMA CANAL. IN INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS,
GENRALLY, WE CAN COUNT ON THE GOL TO EXERCISE A MODERATING
INFLUENCE. WHEN THE GOL HAS ASKED FOR OUR HELP, WE HAVE
SOMETIMES BEEN UNABLE TO RESPOND FAVORABLY, AS WAS THE CASE
WHEN THE GOL SOUGHT OUR SUPPORT FOR A SEAT AT THE IMCO GOVERNING
BOARD LAST FALL. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE
CURRENTLY SOLICITING GOL SUPPORT, INCLUDING SSOD, AIR PIRACY,
AND THE RHODESIA QUESTION. WE HOPE TO BENEFIT FROM THE GOL'S
MODERATING INFLUCNECE IN SUCH AREAS AS THE PENDING NON-ALIGNED
MOVEMENT MEETINGS.

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3. A PROMPT, AND WE WISH TO REPEAT PROMPT, POSITIVE RESPONSE
TO THIS REQUEST FROM THE GOL BEYOND DOUBT WILL PAY DIVIDENDS
IN ENCOURAGING THE GOL TO RESPOND IN A SIMILAR FASHION TO OUR
MANY REQUESTS TO IT FOR SUPPORT.

4. THE FULL TEXT OF THE AFOREMENTIONED NOTE FOLLOWS:

"THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF LIBERIA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOUR TO INVITE THE EMBASSY'S ATTENTION TO THE PROPOSAL FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF 1980 AS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS YEAR MADE BY LIBERIA DURING THE 32ND SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

"THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF LIBERIA HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL WILL BE CONSIDERING THIS PROPOSAL AT ITS SESSION SCHEDULED TO CONVENE IN GENEVA FROM 5 JULY TO 4 AUGUST 1978. CONSEQUENTLY, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF LIBERIA WILL BE TRATEFUL IF IT CAN COUNT ON THE VALUABLE SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AS A MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF 1980 AS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS YEAR.

"THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF LIBERIA WISHES TO NOTE THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OVER THE YEARS HAVE HAD A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON CONTEMPORARY INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN THE POLITICAL, LEGAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND HUMANITARIAN FIELDS. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS NO DOUBT AWARE OF THE LARGE MEASURE OF SUCCESS ACHIEVED BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, PARTICULARLY THE UNITED NATIONS, THE MOST UNIVERSAL OF THEM ALL, IN CONTAINING OR RESOLVING WORLD PROBLEMS AND SERVING EVEN MORE EFFECTIVELY
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AS INSTRUMENTS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF GLOBAL PEACE AND SECURITY.

"AS THESE INSTITUTIONS HAVE BECOME ALMOST INDISPENSABLE TOOLS IN REGULATING THE RELATIONS OF STATES IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT MEASURES DESIGNED TO MAKE THEM MORE EFFECTIVE ARE GIVEN CONIDERABLE ATTENTION. THIS SUGGESTS THE NEED FOR A GENERAL ASSESSMENT OF THESE INSTITUTIONS IN TERMS OF THEIR SUCCESSES AND FAILURES, THEIR RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES, WHAT GOVERNMENTS CAN DO TO STRENGTHEN AND MAKE THEM MORE FUNCTIONAL, AS WELL AS THEIR FUTURE PROSPECTS. THESE WOULD BE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS YEAR.

"WE THEREFORE SOLICIT YOUR VALUABLE SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF 1980 AS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS YEAR.

"THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ASSURANCE OF ITS HIGH CONSIDERATION AND ESTEEM."
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